

“By Faith”
Hebrews 11:23-29
5/3/26
Message 21
Communion

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “By Faith”

- **Importance Of Hebrews**

- **1. Connecting the Testaments**

- Paul Quotes the OT –
- If you don’t understand the OT you will not be able to understand Hebrews

- **2. Jesus is Superior**

- Jesus is BETTER Than
- The Prophets - Ch 1
- The Angels - Ch 1-2
- Moses - Ch 3
- Joshua – Ch 4
- The High Priest – Ch 5-9
- The Tabernacle Ch 9
- The Law & Sacrifices Ch 10

- **3. Encouragement - Don’t quit – WE ARE IN THIS SECTION**

- The ultimate goal of the book

- To encourage those who are struggling with difficult times and help them to endure.

- **Remember Context – Running Start**

- **1. Doctrine Ends - Hebrews 10:18**

- Ended the Doctrine Section of Hebrews

- **2. Duty Begins - From Hebrews 10:19 until the end of the book**

- **It is NOW DUTY TIME**

- We have a Responsibility do something with the Doctrine

- **LIVE IT OUT**

- **WALK WORTHY**

- **3. KEY - Paul is Writing to Discouraged Believers**

- Paul is encouraging these discourage believers to keep moving forward in Christ to stay the course

- There is NO Other Place to go

- **You must NOT lose heart**

Proverbs 24:10 (NKJV)

10 If you faint in the day of adversity, Your strength is small.

- So critical that we are ALWAYS growing in our walks with Jesus

- **Otherwise, we run the risk of fainting**

- **4. Paul's Instruction – For Staying The Course**

- **1. Draw Near To God vv. 19-21**

- The FIRST thing he does to encourage them

- Because of what Christ has Done
 - Because He made Himself the Perfect Sacrifice
 - We NOW have BOLDNESS to come before a HOLY God
 - So let take advantage of that
- **2. The Response Of Those Who Have Access To God vv. 22-25**
 - The SECOND thing he does
 - **Let Us**
 - They Continue to Draw Near to God
 - Hold Fast Confession of our Hope
 - Consider – Others
 - Don't Forsake the Fellowship
- **3. The Problem With Willful Rejection vv. 26-31**
 - THIRD Thing he does
 - There is no other place to Go
 - Jesus is the ONLY WAY
- **4. The Reminder Of The Heavenly Reward vv. 32-39**
 - FOURTH thing he does
 - Heaven is coming

- Hang in there Jesus is coming to take us all home

- **5. Keep the Faith Chapter 11:1-7**

- What is Faith

Hebrews 11:1 (NKJV)

1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

- Faith = Trust
- Substance = Foundation = Jesus
- Evidence = We have not seen BUT we KNOW

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

- To Please GOD = Must have FAITH
- Must Believe = That He is GOD
- Diligently Seek Him = With ALL your heart

- Examples so far

- Cain And Abel v. 4
- Enoch v. 5
- Noah v. 7
- Abraham vv. 8-19
- Isaac v. 20
- Jacob v. 21

- Joseph v. 22

- ***Now This Morning 4 POWERFUL TRUTHS about BY FAITH***

- Faith Does – The Right Thing v. 23
- Faith Chooses – Affliction (God's Will) Over Affluence (Worldly Pleasures) vv. 24-27
- Faith Obeys – God's Word v. 28
- Faith Moves – Forward v. 29

Faith Does – The Right Thing v. 23

- ***1. Context - This Event is seen in (Exodus 2:1-10)***

- ***The backstory is at the end of Genesis and the beginning of Exodus.***
 - Joseph rose to power in Egypt
 - He and his family became rockstars
 - Joseph basically saved the nation (and the world) through his wisdom and interpretation of Pharaoh's dreams.
 - But 350 years later
 - A new regime arose in Egypt
 - They couldn't care less about ancient history.
 - They saw the growing number of Israelites as a threat to national security
 - Felt they needed to control them through slavery.
 - As the Israelites continued to grow in number,

- The Pharaoh's paranoia grew to the point that he commanded...

Exodus 1:22 (NKJV)

22 So Pharaoh commanded all his people, saying, "Every son who is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive."

- **Moses Is Born**

Exodus 2:1–10 (NKJV)

1 And a man of the house of Levi went and took as wife a daughter of Levi.

2 So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he was a beautiful child, she hid him three months.

3 But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid it in the reeds by the river's bank.

4 And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him.

5 Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it.

6 And when she opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept. So she had compassion on him, and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children."

7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and call a nurse for you from the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for you?"

8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Go." So the maiden went and called the child's mother.

9 Then Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child away and nurse him for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed him.

10 And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, "Because I drew him out of the water."

- **2. By faith Moses... was hidden three months by his parents v. 22a**

Hebrews 11:23 (NKJV)

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.

- **1. Moses' parents showed faith**

- BY FAITH
 - They acted on that faith
- Hid him 3 months
 - A great task
 - How hard must it have been when Moses was crying
- Saw He was Beautiful
 - A beautiful child –
 - It means: fine, healthy, no ordinary child (NIV) which is what is implied.
 - He was not only beautiful, but a gifted & unusually promising one.
- **2. How Important was Moses to the Jewish People**
 - Remember Who is the writer writing to? - Jewish believers
 - There's nobody higher on the hero scale to a Jew than Moses.
 - While Abraham was seen as the “father of the faith”
 - Moses was the one who
 - Rescued the nation from slavery
 - Gave them their laws.

• **2. They were not afraid of the king's command v. 22b**

Hebrews 11:23 (NKJV)

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; **and they were not afraid of the king's command.**

- **1. NOT AFRAID of the KING**

- When the Pharaoh of Egypt commanded the murder of Hebrew children

- Moses' Parents HAD FAITH

- They had courage to obey God instead of man

- **2. We must NEVER be afraid of the KING or any other Peer Pressure**

Matthew 10:28 (NKJV)

28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Proverbs 29:25 (NKJV)

25 The fear of man brings a snare, But whoever trusts in the LORD shall be safe.

- If we FEAR GOD first
 - We are in Good shape
- If we FEAR Man more than God
 - We will NEVER BE Able to serve God correctly

- **3. Application – Faith Does – The RIGHT Thing**

- **1. Faith Does the RIGHT Thing**

- Even in the face of opposition & Persecution
 - From the King, Pharaoh or Government
 - We MUST be able to stand & Live for GOD

- Will we do it?
 - Or will we cave to culture?

- **2. Persecution Around the World**

- Nigeria
 - Is frequently cited as the most dangerous place for Christians in Africa
 - Facing high levels of violence, abductions, and church attacks, particularly in its central and northern regions.
- North Korea:
 - Christians must practice in secret; discovery often leads to execution or prison camps.
- Somalia:
 - The Islamic majority and militant groups make it extremely hostile, especially for converts.
- Yemen, Sudan & Iran

- **3. Right NOW in America**

- **We live in a measure of freedom, BUT I believe things are changing...**
 - The world is changing
 - The threats to our safety and security and religious freedom are increasing
 - I suspect We're going to experience more in the future
 - Persecution will come from

- Islam
- Progressivism

▪ **2016 – 2020**

- My Opinion - Covid was used to persecute the church
 - Mike McClure (CCSJ)
 - BLUE states put more pressure than RED states

▪ **A Storm is Brewing**

- Several Hollywood stars
 - Sharon Stone, Jimmy Kimmel, Robert De Niro, Etc...
 - MEGA supporters need to be held accountable after Trump is gone
- News Articles
 - When MAGA Implodes, There Must Be Accountability, But Not Revenge
 - <https://whowhatwhy.org/politics/when-maga-implodes-there-must-be-accountability-but-not-revenge/>
 - The 1 Thing Cult Experts Want You To Do When Talking To Your MAGA Relatives
 - https://www.huffpost.com/entry/maga-cult-expert-advice-goog_l_6942ec63e4b0bafbdeedd8fb9
- Congressional Action

- Democratic leaders have indicated that "real accountability" is coming for "MAGA extremists," framing actions by the administration as a "Trump cartel" engaging in pay-to-play schemes.
- Mrs. Clinton
 - "White men of a certain religion" doing "damage"
 - In September 2025, Clinton was criticized for remarks on MSNBC's Morning Joe where she stated, "The idea that you could turn the clock back and try to recreate a world that never was—dominated by, let's say it, white men of a certain persuasion, a certain religion, a certain ideology—is just doing such damage to what we should be aiming for". Critics, including the Boston Herald, argued this was dehumanizing to white Christian men.
 - "Deep-seated cultural codes, religious beliefs and structural biases have to be changed"
 - This 2015 quote from the Women in the World Summit is frequently cited by critics. She made these remarks while discussing global women's rights and access to reproductive healthcare, leading some to argue she was suggesting that religious beliefs should be secondary to state-mandated social policies.
 - "Extremists who use religion to divide"
 - More recently, she has written about the responsibility of Christians to "stand up to the extremists who use religion to divide our society and undermine our democracy"
- The new report released this week by

- The United States Department of Justice's Task Force to Eradicate Anti-Christian Bias is a wake-up call.
 - Which was established under the Trump administration,
- Allegations were made that the Biden administration engaged in a "systemic" effort to punish Christians and violated religious liberties.
 - The report and related announcements, as reported in late April 2026, detail several findings and allegations:
- Targeting and Bias:
 - The report alleges a pattern of anti-Christian bias, where federal agencies, including the DOJ and Department of Education, allegedly prioritized progressive policies over religious liberty.
- Use of the FACE Act:
 - The task force alleges that the Biden-era DOJ "weaponized" the Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) Act to target pro-life, Christian protesters with harsh prosecutions.
- Pro-Life Protestor Sentencing:
 - The report claims that the Biden DOJ requested significantly harsher prison sentences for pro-life defendants (an average of 26.8 months) compared to those accused of violence against pro-life organizations (an average of 12.3 months).
- Investigation of Churches:

- The report alleges that the IRS was used to investigate churches based on content in their sermons.
- Targeting "Traditional Catholics"
 - The report alleges that the FBI targeted "radical traditionalist Catholics" and that the administration had a "negative view" of traditional Christian beliefs.
- Biden admin had anti-Christian bias, privately called them "cultists" and sought out harsh prison sentences for peaceful protests, per DOJ report.
- **4. FAITH DOES – The Right thing**
 - **I believe if the left regains power**
 - The gloves will come off
 - A full attack will be waged against us
 - We must be ready to make a STAND and not cave
 - Examples to follow
 - Moses' Parents (Exodus 2)
 - Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah (Daniel 3)
 - Daniel (Daniel 6)
 - Disciples (Acts 5:29)

Acts 5:29 (NKJV)

29 But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather than men."

- Settle this in our hearts NOW

- A time is coming when we will need to make a stand
 - Just like last time – health concerns attempt to make us feel unsafe

Faith Chooses – Affliction (God's Will) Over Affluence (Worldly Pleasures)

vv. 24-27

• 1. Context: This Event Takes Place In (Exodus 2:11-22)

Exodus 2:11–22 (NKJV)

- 11** Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren.
- 12** So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.
- 13** And when he went out the second day, behold, two Hebrew men were fighting, and he said to the one who did the wrong, "Why are you striking your companion?"
- 14** Then he said, "Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" So Moses feared and said, "Surely this thing is known!"
- 15** When Pharaoh heard of this matter, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh and dwelt in the land of Midian; and he sat down by a well.
- 16** Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters. And they came and drew water, and they filled the troughs to water their father's flock.
- 17** Then the shepherds came and drove them away; but Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock.
- 18** When they came to Reuel their father, he said, "How is it that you have come so soon today?"
- 19** And they said, "An Egyptian delivered us from the hand of the shepherds, and he also drew enough water for us and watered the flock."
- 20** So he said to his daughters, "And where is he? Why is it that you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread."
- 21** Then Moses was content to live with the man, and he gave Zipporah his daughter to Moses.
- 22** And she bore him a son. He called his name Gershom, for he said, "I have been a stranger in a foreign land."

• 2. Refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter v. 24

Hebrews 11:24 (NKJV)

24 *By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,*

- **Moses showed faith**

- When he let God chart his destiny instead of allowing Pharaoh or raw ambition to do it.
 - Gave up the WORLD – to Follow God

- **3. Choosing rather to suffer affliction v. 25**

Hebrews 11:25 (NKJV)

25 *choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,*

- **This choice had consequences.**

- Moses knew
 - To go God's way meant to suffer affliction rather than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin.
- Sin does have its pleasures
 - But Moses properly saw them as passing, even if they should last our entire earthly life.

- **4. The reproach of Christ v. 26**

Hebrews 11:26 (NKJV)

26 *esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.*

- Moses put him in the company of Jesus – who suffered to set men free.

- **5. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: v. 27**

Hebrews 11:27 (NKJV)

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

○ **1. Emboldened by faith**

- He made his exit from the land of bondage
 - Careless of the wrath of the king.
 - It was a clear break from the politics of this world.
- He feared Pharaoh so little
 - Because he feared God so much.
- He kept his eyes on SEEING HIM

• **6. Application**

○ **Our Character is SEEN**

- In the Choices WE Make
 - The choices we make in this life
 - Reveal our Priorities and Character
 - What we Say NO to
 - What We Say YES

○ **1. What Moses Said “NO” To**

▪ **1. Position v. 24**

Hebrews 11:24 (NKJV)

24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter,

- She was grooming him as Egyptian history says

- To be the pharaoh of Egypt...
 - The MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THE WORLD
 - And he said NO
- We're talking about here...
 - The Richest
 - The Most Important
 - The Most influence
 - And Moses said NO
- Some can get caught up with this...
 - They need people to respect them
 - They want that title
 - They want the position
 - They want the MONEY
 - They Want the popularity
 - The Want the FAME
- Please NOTE
 - It's Not the position – It is the heart!
 - Joseph was number 2 BUT he had the right heart
 - A Heart after God – that stayed with no matter the worldly success he had

- Say NO to the worldly position
 - If it takes your heart away from God and His Work
 - Concern I have for “Famous People”
 - Pulled away
 - Concern I have for Christians that want Fame
 - Take the CROSS with you will be okay
 - Leave the Cross – Then you are in Trouble
- Illustration
 - Katy Perry AKA Katy Hudson

▪ 2. Pleasures v. 25

Hebrews 11:25 (NKJV)

25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,

- Sin can bring a measure of pleasure
 - But it doesn't last
- And he said NO
 - He had anything you wanted
 - He could've had as many women as he wanted
- Illustration
 - Son has great skills and Baseball player
 - God show you his future
 - He goes pro

- But succumbs to the sinful lifestyle
- He does not become a pro – but janitor
- But this road is road marked with the fear of God a great godly family
- Which road do you want him to take...

▪ 3. Possessions v. 26

Hebrews 11:26 (NKJV)

26 *esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.*

- He could have been the wealthiest man in the world...
 - The most powerful man in the world
 - And a man who could enjoy every pleasure this world could ever possibly offer anyone
 - And he said NO
- What do you SAY
 - Would I say NO?
 - I hope so
 - Haven't had that temptation yet

▪ 4. Panic v. 27

Hebrews 11:27 (NKJV)

27 *By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.*

- Moses Walked AWAY

- FEARED GOD more than the King
- The REST is HISTORY

○ **2. What Moses Said “YES” To:**

▪ **1. Personal Relationship with God’s people**

Hebrews 11:25 (NKJV)

25 *choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin,*

- It says he chose rather to suffer with them
 - He said yes to personal relationship to God’s people
 - Even though he knew what it meant
- Application
 - Saying YES to God
 - Will Cost us

▪ **2. Continual Reproach for the name of the Messiah**

Hebrews 11:26 (NKJV)

26 *esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.*

- It even uses the English word esteeming
 - It means he put a value on being reproached and mocked because of his belief in Messiah

▪ **3. Eternal Reward from God**

Hebrews 11:26 (NKJV)

26 *esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.*

- It said he looked to reward
- God had promised to reward him
- God had told him to be faithful and one day he would see the results
- He died without seeing the fulfillment of promises but boy he knows about them now

▪ 4. Spiritual Reality of God Himself

Hebrews 11:27 (NKJV)

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

- He endured, he persevered, he hung in there
 - Because he saw Him who is invisible
- Application
 - I've never seen God
 - BUT BY FAITH
 - One day according to Revelation 22 we will see His face
 - Now I walk by faith not by sight
 - But with eyes of faith I see a lot and so do you

Faith Obeys – God's Word v. 28

1. Context: This Event Takes Place In (Exodus 12)

- **10 Plagues**

- So far 9 judgments have come upon pharaoh and the pagan deities (gods) of Egypt
 - The Nile turned to blood
 - Frogs
 - Lice
 - The flying insects
 - Plague upon the Cattle
 - Boils
 - Hail - Fire
 - Locusts
 - Darkness

- The 10th – The First Born in the land would die
 - God gave the Jewish people the Passover Lamb to saved their first born

 - God is giving them instruction in Chapter 12

• **2. By faith he kept the Passover v. 28**

Hebrews 11:28 (NKJV)

28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

- **It took faith**
 - To believe that the blood of a lamb on the doorpost would save a household from the terror of the angel of death.

 - But Moses had that faith and led the nation in observing the Passover.

- **Application**
 - We Should Respond To God's Instructions
 - If God said it that settles it and I should believe it

- It was through faith he kept the Passover
- Remember, they just got this instruction...and they just obeyed and did it...no questions
- We need to respond to God's instructions no matter what

Faith Moves – Forward v. 29

• 1. Context: This Event Takes Place In (Exodus 14)

○ 1. They leave Egypt

- On their way to the promise land
- The Egyptians go after
- The People are trapped and complain

Exodus 14:10–12 (NKJV)

10 And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD.

11 Then they said to Moses, “Because there were no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt?”

12 Is this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.”

○ 2. Moses Respond

Exodus 14:13–14 (NKJV)

13 And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

14 The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”

○ 3. The Sea is Parted

Exodus 14:21–22 (NKJV)

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided.

22 So the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea on the dry ground, and the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

- The Lord judges the Egyptians – they are drowned in the Red Sea

• 2. By faith they passed through the Red Sea v. 29

Hebrews 11:29 (NKJV)

29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.

- **The Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned:**
 - The Egyptians had as much (or more) courage than the Israelites, but not the same faith – and they each had different fates.
- **Application - We Should Realize What God Can Do**
 - God Deliberately LED them to the TEST
 - NOT to hurt them
 - BUT TO SHOW them
 - His POWER to defeat their enemies
 - His LOVE in Protecting them

• 4. The Route

○ Show Pics

- Traditional Route
- The Most likely Route

- Show Artifacts
- Real Mt Sinai

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Communion

- 1. Remember (Looking Back at what Jesus did)
- 2. Repent / Reflect (Looking Within) 1 Cor. 11:27-28
- 3. Reconcile (Looking Around) 1 Cor. 11:29, 33-34
- 4. Rejoice (Looking Forward) 1 Cor. 11:26

1 Corinthians 11:23–26 (NKJV)

23 *For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread;*

24 *and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, “Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”*

25 *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”*

26 *For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.*